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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

*Rule 126* 17  
45. A method for inhibiting cytochrome P450 monooxygenase comprising administering to a human in need thereof an amount of ritonavir or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof effective to inhibit cytochrome P450 monooxygenase.

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46. A method for inhibiting cytochrome P450 monooxygenase comprising contacting the cytochrome P450 monooxygenase with an amount of ritonavir or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof effective to inhibit cytochrome P450 monooxygenase. *~*

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action dated November 10, 1998, the period for response to which has been extended three months from February 10, 1999 to May 10, 1999. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

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